



# Continental Local Schools



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## ***From the Desk of Mr. Kissell, Superintendent...***

### **#ProudtobeAPirate**

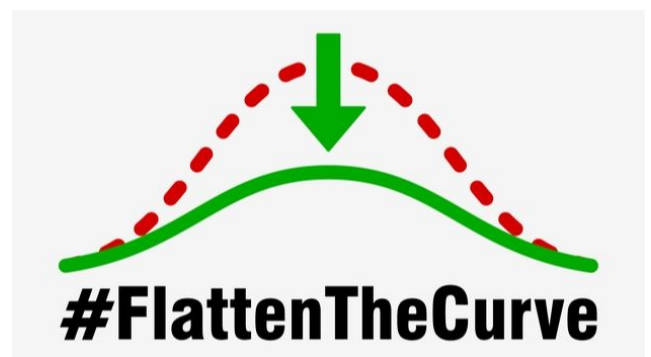
As I prepare what I am writing for this newsletter, I have much uncertainty of the remainder of our school year. I know this is not the way any of us envisioned the end of our 2020 school year. I know this is very difficult for our seniors as many of their first "lasts" will not come to be a reality. Although these things may seem trivial next to saving lives, we as adults know there is more to life. These days are important to our seniors right now and although Continental Local Schools cannot change where we are, we will do everything within our ability to help our seniors make the most of their first "lasts". I have very fond memories of my senior year and I want our seniors to have the same.

Seniors, you are a strong resilient group and you, like the rest of us, will bounce back from this and become the outstanding adults you know you are meant to be. You have been called upon to make sacrifices now, but it will be up to you to decide how those sacrifices will define you. I am by no means comparing this to World War II, but that group of people were labeled as the "Greatest Generation". I believe they were just that. My question to you, my seniors, is "After this pandemic, what is YOUR generation going to be labeled?" I am very proud of you and I know you will come through.

To all our Continental students, you are Pirates! Pirates are resilient, strong, determined and committed. Although we are working from home, keep working. Although we have much uncertainty, stay determined. Together we will come out the other side of this pandemic stronger than ever, more committed than ever.

Hopefully, I will see you all soon.

Mr. Kissell



**From the Desk of Mr. Eding, JH/HS Principal...**

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Dear Students, Parents, and Community:

A school is much more than a physical building. A school is the students, teachers, parents, and community members. It is the traditions, the clubs, the sports, and the activities. A school is bus drivers, custodians, secretaries, aides, cafeteria workers, and volunteers. WE are the school. WE ARE PIRATES.

Never has any of this been more apparent to me than in recent weeks. While we may not actually be able to physically be together in our school, the school is still as strong (or stronger) than it ever was. Everyone, no matter their role, has met this new challenge head-on and has done everything we can to make the best of it. Thank you to all those that have risen to this challenge and done everything within their power to keep our school what it is.

There is a lot of uncertainty right now as to what will happen with the rest of the school year. As of the writing of this newsletter, we plan to finish the school year one way or another. While we wait on directions from the Governor's office, public health officials, and other leaders, rest assured that we are making contingency plans to provide an education and also try to provide those landmark events that are an important part of a student's high school experience, including the yearbook, prom, and graduation.

Please continue to reach out to teachers, principals, and other staff members if you need anything. We are here for you. Our school is here for you. While the immediate path is somewhat uncertain, rest assured that our school will come through this and continue to support our students and families in any way that we can--not only now, but once we can walk the halls again, too.

Sincerely,

Mr. Eding  
#ProudtobeAPirate

### Quiz Bowl News:

The high school quiz bowl members (several of whom are pictured below) under the guidance of their advisor, Mr. Nathan Schmidt, finished their season by competing in the Putnam County Quiz Bowl match held recently at the Putnam County Educational Service Center

The junior high quiz bowl team also recently competed in their Putnam County Quiz Bowl match. Students played a round robin match with all of the schools present just as the high school team did. Their advisor, Mr. Koenig, said they enjoyed the competition, but most of all liked the ice cream afterwards!



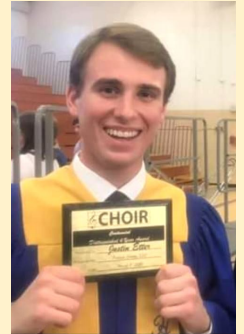
**BAND and CHOIR**

Mr. Swonger's band and choir students had the opportunity to showcase their talents in several areas over the past two months.

*Solo and Ensemble Competition* - Ellie Schwarzman, Connor Maag, Olivea Coble, and a Choir Ensemble performed at Lima Sr. High on February 15. All Continental performers earned a rating of Superior or Excellent, which is an amazing show of talent from these students!

*County Band and Choir at Fine Arts Festival* - Justin Etter, Ellie Schwarzman, Peyton Stauffer, and Karson Prowant were in the choir. Senior, Justin Etter (left), was honored with an award for being chosen to participate each of his four high school years. Connor Maag, Alyssa Burgei, Lacie Shawver, and Madison Burkhart were in the band. They all did a great job performing a wonderful concert on March 8 at Leipsic after only three rehearsals.

A successful concert was also held at Continental High School on March 2 with the high school band and choir, and a few performers from the Solo and Ensemble Competition. Please check out videos of the concert which are available on the Music Boosters' Facebook page.



Justin Etter



**Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**

PBIS program "house members" were awarded a bowling activity for demonstrating the focused values during daily interactions. We are very proud of our students' embrace of this program and the changes in their attitudes that can be seen. Our hope is that our students' families and community are also noting the changes. We are hopeful the following areas will also be practiced at home in the following weeks: Be kind, Be helpful with others, Be honest, Be respectful and follow directions and Be willing to clean up your own area.



**Distracted Driving**

It's a serious problem caused by cell phone use and texting while driving that was brought to students' attention through an eye-opening presentation and individual access to a simulator made possible by General Motors and the P.E.E.R.S. Foundation.



## 2019-20 Basketball

Congratulations to the following students for earning individual recognition during the 2019-20 basketball season:

- Addyson Arme: PCL Honorable Mention, PCL Scholastic Team, selected to play in the PCL/BVC and District 8 All-Star Games
- Alex Hoeffel: PCL Honorable Mention, PCL Scholastic Team, selected to play in PCL/BVC All-Star Game
- Katie Keller: PCL Scholastic Team
- Kerri Prowant: PCL Scholastic Team
- Catelyn Etter: 2nd Team All-PCL, District 8 Honorable Mention
- Mitchell Coleman: 2nd Team All-PCL, District 8 Honorable Mention
- Gavin Huff: PCL Honorable Mention
- Rhenn Arme: PCL Honorable Mention



**Go Pirates!!!**

**Our art students have been busy! From the elementary all the way up through the high school, Continental artists have been working hard and have plenty to show for it!**



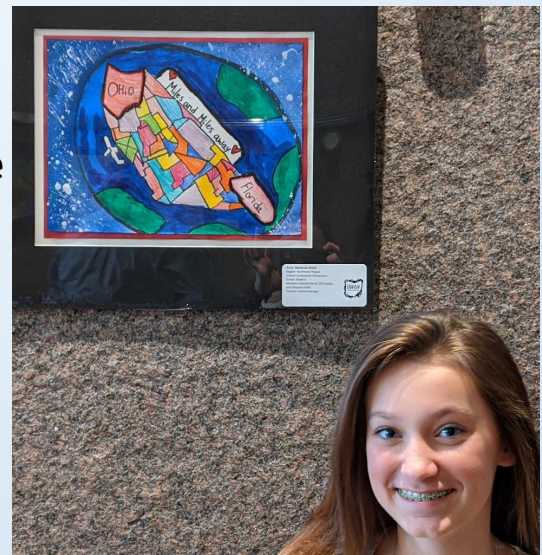
**Kewpee High School Invitational Exhibit:** Freshmen Dakota Gibbs, Reese Knowles, and Lacie Shawver had pieces selected for this juried exhibition held at ArtSpace Lima. The show ran from February 12th - 28th, and Reese's artwork *Headspace* was awarded 2nd Place Overall in the painting category! Congratulations ladies! [Click here for more images!](#)

**Putnam County Fine Arts Festival:** Students from all grade levels participated in this county-wide showcase of talent! Thank you to the many families who stopped by Leipsic High School March 8th to see the fabulous student artwork on display! [Click for more images!](#)

**Regional OAEA Youth Art Month Exhibit:** Congratulations to Claire Homier (1st), Maleigha James (2nd), Cassie Pier (4th), Claire Hull (5th), Gracie Fuller (7th), and Avery Noffsinger (8th) for being featured in this year's YAM Regional event. This show was scheduled for March 14th at ArtSpace Lima but was ultimately cancelled. Their artworks will be on display in the elementary for all to see when we return! You rock! [Click for more images!](#)

**State OAEA Young People's Art Exhibit:** 6th grade artist Makenzie Shock was honored on March 7th at the Rhodes State Office Tower in Columbus, Ohio for her original piece *Miles and Miles Away*. She was one of only 135 students from across the state to be selected for this YAM show! [Click for images!](#)

**State OAEA Youth Art Month Exhibition:** Kindergarten artist Layla Nienberg was honored on March 7th at the STRS Building in Columbus, Ohio for her *Rocketship* artwork. Layla's artwork was one of only 138 pieces selected from across the state! So proud! [Click here for pictures!](#)



Makenzie Shock at the YPAE in Columbus

**From the Desk of Mrs. Potts,  
Elementary Principal...**

Thank you for your continued support as we work our way through this difficult time. The old adage, "It takes a village to raise a child," is so true as we navigate digital learning together. The staff has and will continue to work diligently to provide quality educational materials and instruction to the best of their ability. We are blessed with all the community support in our education efforts.

Families, we hope that you will reach out to us with any needs you may have. The teachers at Continental Elementary are committed to staying in touch with families and to meet the needs of all students. Mrs. Schmidt, our school counselor, is still available. This is new territory for all of us and Mrs. Schmidt is here to offer her support. Please feel free to reach out to her through email ([e.schmidt@continentalpirates.org](mailto:e.schmidt@continentalpirates.org)) or by calling the elementary office (419-596-3860) and leaving a message. Currently, she is working on a Google form that will be added to Google Classroom. Students who need support can fill out the form, similar to what they do at school. Social-emotional health is very important during uncertain times and we are here for our families.

I hope all of you are staying healthy and hopeful for the future. The Continental community will persevere because we are PIRATES!

We "Arrr" Pirates!

Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Ready for Success

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Pirate Motto



I am **R** in all I do,



I **R** myself and others too,



I stay **R** each and every day because that is The Pirate Way!



**GREEN HOUSE all the way!**

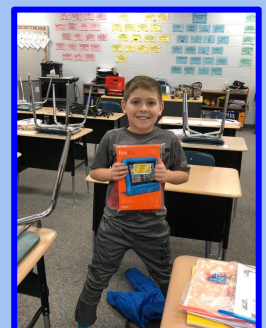
Congratulations to students in the green house. They received the most crew cards for the month of February. These students enjoyed "Pancakes with Pals." #beresponsibleberespectfulbeready



Third Nine Weeks  
Golden Ticket Winner is...

**Paxton Wilson**

Great job Paxton!





**Yoga with Mrs. Allen**  
Students are learning ways to calm their brains and to recharge their bodies.



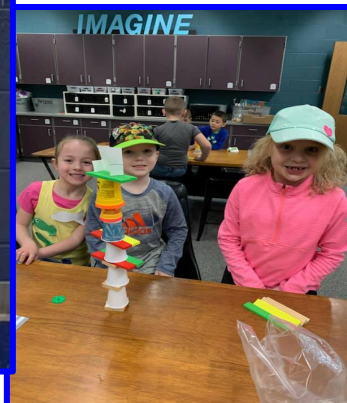
Brad Nelson,  
Putnam County  
Deputy talked with  
6th graders about  
social media safety.



4th Grade learning with  
electronic snap circuits



Kindergarten had a blast  
celebrating Dr. Seuss Week!  
"The more that you read, the  
more things you will know. The  
more that you learn, the more  
places you'll go!" Dr. Seuss



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